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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NATURE OF OWEN'S COMMENTS TO THE
SOUTH AFRICANS

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1. I WOULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO PARA 1 OF LONDON 20782.
THE OWEN-FOURIE EXCHANGE DESCRIBED THERE IS PROBABLY
SOURCE OF BOTHA'S IMPRESSION THAT OWEN ASKED THAT SOUTH
AFRICANS TELL SMITH NOT TO HOLD OUT FOR BLOCKING THIRD.

2. SUGGEST OWEN BE INFORMED OF BOTHA'S MISUNDERSTANDING
OF HIS POSITION IN CASE LORD CARVER OR SUMMERHAYES
HAVE NOT DONE SO. SIR DAVID SCOTT (WHO RETURNS TODAY)
AND I COULD BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE TO FOURIE
OR BOTHA. THE DRAMATIC PRESS PLAY HERE ON SMITH BEING
CLOSE TO WORKING OUT A COMPROMISE FORMULA FOR A BLOCKING
MECHANISM PROVIDES A PEG FOR REPEATING THE ANGLO-
AMERICAN POSITION ON AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. DURING
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THE COURSE OF THE PRESENTATION, SIR DAVID COULD CORRECT
BOTHA'S MISIMPRESSION. BOWDLER

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